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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the Decision Notice by FWP to allow the permitting of the Philip Morris Crazy Mountain Ranch Shooting Preserve.

If you have any questions regarding the preserve or the decision, you may contact me at our Bozeman office by calling 994-4042.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Flowers  
Regional Supervisor

**DECISION NOTICE**  
**CRAZY MOUNTAIN RANCH SHOOTING PRESERVE**  
Prepared by Region 3, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
May 18, 2001

**PROPOSAL**

The Philip Morris Crazy Mountain Ranch in Park County has applied to establish a shooting preserve on their property. They would like to release 100 pheasants, and may vary from year to year. The proposed shooting preserve is located approximately 6 miles east of Clyde Park in Park County, MT. The ranch owner, Philip Morris, Inc., has applied for a Privately Owned & Operated Shooting Preserve License and has designated a boundary for a 1,240 acre shooting preserve that would be open to owners and their guests.

**MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA) PROCESS**

The proposal has been outlined in an Environmental Assessment (EA) by FWP to satisfy the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). FWP is required to assess the impacts to the human and natural environment. The EA was available for public comment from March 2, 2001 through March 28, 2001. A public notice was placed in the Livingston Enterprise legal section and on FWP website.

**ISSUES RAISED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

The checklist EA listed the issues. No major impacts are known to occur if the permit is issued.

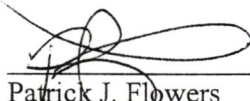
**GENERAL SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were received on the proposal.

**DECISION**

Utilizing the EA and public comment, a decision must be rendered by FWP, which addresses the concerns, and issues identified for this proposed shooting preserve.

Based on the findings of the EA that established no known significant impacts, an EIS is not required and it is my decision to approve the permit for the Philip Morris Crazy Mountain Ranch.

  
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Patrick J. Flowers  
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